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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM: NOMINATION DR

EVANGHELOS A MOUTSOPOULOS

1. THE POST IS AWARE OF REGULATIONS REGARDING LENGTH OF TIME WHICH MUST PASS BEFORE CU CAN MAKE AN IV GRANT TO A CANDIDATE WHO PREVIOUSLY HELD ANOTHER US GOVERNMENT GRANT. WE FEAR, HOWEVER, THAT OUR UNCLASSIFIED AIRGRAM DID NOT SHOW THE EXCEPTIONAL NATURE OF THIS NOMINATION. IT INVOLVES NO LESS THAN THE PROBABLE REORGANIZATION OF THE FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY ON THE BASIS OF THE CANDIDATE'S RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON A STUDY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF PHILOSOPHY AND LIBERAL ARTS DEPARTMENTS IN THE US WHERE FACULTIES OF PHILOSOPHY INCLUDE FOREIGN LANGUAGES OF WHICH ENGLISH IS THE MOST IMPORTANT AND LITERATURE AND HISTORY. IN A WORD, THE CORE OF AMERICAN STUDIES IF ONE CONSIDERS THAT GREECE HAS NO INSTITUTIONALIZED AMERICAN STUDIES IN UNIVERSITIES AS DO OTHER COUNTRIES OF WESTERN EUROPE HE SEES IMMEDIATELY WHY AMERICAN STUDIES HAVE BEEN PLACED AT THE TOP OF CU PROGRAMS IN GREECE AND FURTHER WHY THIS NOMINATION IS EXCEPTIONAL.

2. MOREOVER, THE CANDIDATE HAS NOT BEEN TAINTED BY POLITICAL COOPERATION WITH THE REGIME. NOR HAS HE ACCEDED TO STUDENT PRESSURES CALCULATED TO KEEP PROFESSORS FROM COOPERATING WITH AMERICAN SCHOLARS. SO THAT, IT WOULD SEEM EXTREMELY ILL-ADVISED TO HUMILIATE SUCH AN ACADEMIC FIGURE ABOUT TO ASSUME A MAJOR POSITION AT THE UNIVERSITY

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OF THE CAPITAL CITY AS DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY.

FINALLY, WE WISH TO POINT OUT THAT THE CANDIDATE'S TWO
GRANTS IN THE PAST WERE TRAVEL ONLY NOT FULL GRANTS.

3. WE BELIEVE WE ERRED IN NOT FORWARDING MORE INFORMATION IN
AN AIRGRAM WE WISHED TO KEEP UNCLASSIFIED AND STRONGLY URGE
THAT THE CANDIDATE'S NOMINATION BE APPROVED. FAILING THAT,
WE MAY DIMINISH NOT ONLY HIM BUT THE CHANCES OF UPGRADING
AMERICAN STUDIES HERE AS WELL.
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